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SUBJECT: ARTHUR ASHE RECEIVES SOUTH AFRICAN VISA

REFERENCE: PRETORIA 3807

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT ASHE HAS BEEN GRANTED VISA PERMITTING HIM TO PLAY IN ELLIS PARK OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP THIS MONTH; HE WAS REFUSED VISA IN 1970 AND 1971 OSTENSIBLY FOR MAKING STRONG ANTI-APARTHEID STATEMENTS. IN REVISING STAND, MINSITER OF THE INTERIOR MULDER SAID SAG HAS NOTED ASHE'S ASSURANCES TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR THAT HE WISHED TO COME TO SOUTH AFRICA SOLELY TO PLAY TENNIS AND " TO DO SO IN A SPIRIT OF GOODWILL AND COOPERATION."

2. PRESS ALSO NOTED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF FAVORABLE ACTION ON ASHE'S VISA APPLICATION COINCIDES WITH MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION IN PARIS, AND SPECULATES THAT ASHE VISA MAY BE SAG BID TO STAVE OFF EXPULSION FROM DAVIS CUP CIRCUIT.
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